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ACTION OF THE SOCIETY RESPECTING ITS CONSTITUTION AND COURSE.

It will be remembered, that resolves defining the course of our Society, were very unanimously passed at its annual meeting in 1846. The draft of a new constitution, strictly conformed to those resolves, was sent in October last to our members for their consideration ; and, as all the responses except two, and these such as in fact to neutralize each other, were in favor of it, the Executive Committee, at our late anniversary, brought the new constitution before the Society for their action, but with an expression of doubts whether it was best under existing circumstances to take any action on the subject. It was feared that such action at the present time might be misconstrued, as the proposal itself had been ; and it was also stated that Mr. Ladd had expressed in his will a desire to have the constitution remain as he left it, and that any change whatever might endanger his legacy to us, or bring on an unpleasant controversy about it. The resolves adopted at our anniversary in 1846, were entirely satisfactory, embodying even more than was proposed in the new constitution ; and, if the course there marked out should be pursued, our members would all be satisfied. A committee on the subject was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. W. Crowell, E. Jones, L. Gilbert, A. Blanchard, and N. Monroe, at whose recommendation the Society, leaving the constitution as it is, unanimously voted, "that all its operations be conducted with scrupulous adherence to the principles set forth in the resolutions passed at our last annual meeting ;" and "that the following brief compend of the sense of those resolutions be printed, as a standing notice, on the cover of the *Advocate of Peace*, for the information of the public." See this compend on the cover ; but, that our readers may judge for themselves of its conformity to the resolutions referred to, we copy the latter, omitting only their incidental references to the past :

"1. That the Society, in accordance with its Constitution, will confine itself strictly to the single object of abolishing international war. 2. That the Society be so managed as to be kept entirely distinct from anti-government, from the question of capital punishment, and all other extraneous subjects. 3. That, having been confounded by not a few in the community with such questions, it should take special care to guard against it in future. 4. That the basis of the First General Peace Convention in London, 1843, viz., 'the inconsistency of war with Christianity, and the true interests of mankind,' be regarded as the proper basis of co-operation in the cause of Peace ; that all persons willing for any reason to labor for the abolition of this custom, be invited, whatever their views respecting defensive wars, to unite with us in this enterprise ; and that the Society be conducted in a way to render such co-operation practicable, consistent and cordial, by not conflicting in its operations with principles, institutions or interests, which the Christian community hold dear and sacred."

Here is a very distinct exposition of our course ; and, as all, except a few non-resistants or no-government men, who had joined us a day or

two before our anniversary in 1846, were perfectly satisfied with it, the Society unanimously voted merely to re-affirm these resolutions as indicating our settled policy.

FUNDS.—We believe, from recent indications, that the Christian community will cheerfully contribute the means requisite for a vigorous prosecution of our cause, when they come rightly to understand the necessity of their contributions for this purpose. Every one must be aware, that we always need funds for the support of our office, our periodical, and several agencies, as well as for the constant gratuitous circulation of our tracts and volumes; but, besides all these operations, we want just now the means of sending our *PEACE MANUAL* to ministers of the gospel, and to Sabbath Schools, especially in the great valley of the West, preparatory to its ultimate circulation, if possible, in every family through the land. We have just received an urgent request, that we would furnish some of our publications—and this is the best for such a purpose—to be put in Sabbath Schools at the West; and we earnestly wish we could give this manual to every such school, and to every minister of the gospel in the whole land.

The Providence of God is opening on every side opportunities for successful effort in this cause; and we are exceedingly desirous of improving them all in the best manner possible. But funds are indispensable; and will not our friends promptly and cheerfully furnish them? One friend, though of moderate ability, feels so deeply the importance of the passing crisis to our cause, that he offers to give, this year, *FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, if others will spontaneously remit to the Society's treasury, in sums not less than \$10 each, FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS more for its general purposes* or, if a smaller amount should be raised, he will give one dollar for every four that may thus be contributed. We earnestly hope this offer of our friend will be accepted by a large number of our other friends, some of whom, we know, are able to give ten dollars to his one. Let all who have this cause at heart, respond *at once*, and those who cannot give \$10 or more each, make up that sum among their friends, sending it to our office, by mail, if necessary; and our treasury will soon be in a condition to meet not a few of the urgent calls now made upon it.

Now, if ever, is the time for the friends of peace to bestir themselves in earnest for the furtherance of this cause. War is upon us; the people see and feel its evils; and their ear in the east and north is already open, and will soon be at the west, to hear and heed our appeals as they never have done before. We know not in what other way \$10,000, or even \$20,000 could be spent to better purpose for the welfare of our country and the world.

DEFERRED ITEMS.—The report of the London Peace Society's Anniversary reached us too late for the present number; and we are obliged very reluctantly to omit our usual notices of the Mexican war, and to postpone, besides other matter, an account of the action recently taken by a variety of ecclesiastical bodies on the subject of peace, calling special attention to it, and recommending that ministers preach upon it, and the churches observe a day of fasting and prayer in reference to our war with Mexico. It seems that the Christian community cannot rest on this subject, and, we trust, it will not, until this war shall be brought to a close, and the whole custom abolished forever.

Receipts included in the Annual Report, but not before acknowledged.

Thompson, Ct.,	\$7 50	Haverhill, Samuel Chase,	5 00
Holden,	12 85	Others,	13 00
Springfield,	5 56	Methuen,	33 00
Cabotville,	5 00	Hartford, A. M. Collins,	10 00
Northampton,	11 25	Thomas Smith,	10 00
W. H. Dalrymple, to con. him L. M.,	20 00	D. F. Robinson,	5 00
Receipts by Sales, &c. at Depository,	9 74	Erastus Collins,	5 00
Ashland, Miss. Asso. Russell Works,	17 00	Others,	13 00
Boston, A. Emerson,	5 00	Cazenovia, N. Y., Mrs. Burnell,	5 00
Samuel Gilbert,	3 00	Waterford, Moses Farnum,	5 00
Others,	6 00	Geneva, N. Y., Henry Dwight,	50 00
Nashua, N. H.,	35 62	Sales in Boston and New York,	102 40
Bradford, James Kimball,	5 00	Receipts from Collections, &c., by	
Wm N. Kimball, L. M.,	20 00	the late Treasurer,	254 00
Others,	21 00		\$694 92

Receipts from June 1 to 10.

Boston, T. W. Ward,	\$100 00	Boston, Otis Daniels,	2 00
G. C. Beckwith,	200 00	C. W. Homer,	2 00
W. W. Stone,	25 00	S. D. Warren,	2 00
N. & C. B. Dana,	5 00	Edwin Lamson,	2 00
J. F. Bumstead,	2 00	Publications,	4 46
J. Bumstead,	1 00	Freeport, Me., Col. in Cong. Ch.	8 56
T. D. Quincy,	2 00		\$353 02
Pliny Cutler,	2 00		

¶ The American Peace Society, taking as the basis of co-operation the principle that war is inconsistent with Christianity, and the true interests of mankind, confines its efforts to the one object of preventing international wars, and has nothing to do with any of the popular theories respecting capital punishment, anti-government, or non-resistance, but invites all who favor its object, to unite with the Society by the payment of \$2 as an annual subscription, or \$20 as a life-membership.

TERMS.—Advocate of Peace, monthly, or a double No. once in two months, making a volume in two years, One Dollar in advance.

Book of Peace, 12 mo, 606 pp.,	\$1 00	Hancock on Peace,	\$0 25
Congress of Nations, 8 vo, large,	2 50	Dymond on War,	20
Upham on Peace,	38	Peace Manual,	20

Tracts (64 in all) at 12 pp. for a cent. A discount for gratuitous distribution.

Boston, 21 Cornhill, Geo. C. Beckwith, Cor. Sec., W. C. Brown, Assist. Treasurer.

New York, M. W. Dodd, Brick Ch. Chapel, near the City Hall.

PHILADELPHIA, Henry Longstreth, 347 Market St.

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